

## Health News Release

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## Metaline's boil-water advisory lifted; water meets safe drinking standards

**OLYMPIA** — The boil-water advisory for residents of the Town of Metaline ended Wednesday after new bag filters were installed. The treatment system is now able to remove any harmful organisms that may be present at the source.

The boil-water advisory was issued February 11.

The Pend Oreille County town of 179 people just finished building a new water treatment plant, using federal economic recovery money and a Community Development Block Grant. The town hasn't officially accepted the plant from the contractors.

The problem was related to clay from the sand-filtration system clogging the filter bags. The state Department of Health worked closely with the community and its engineer to resolve the issue so the new system functions as designed.

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